



Save Steve's Place

Wildlife – Birds

Steve Irwin Wildlife Reserve (SIWR), the conservation property funded by the National Reserve System Programme as a **tribute to Crocodile Hunter Steve Irwin**, is being threatened by strip mining.

The 135,000 ha property, in Queensland's Cape York Peninsula, is home to a set of five important spring fed wetlands which provide a critical water source to threatened habitat, provide permanent flow of water to the Wenlock River, and is home to rare and vulnerable plants and wildlife.

Terri Irwin has vowed to protect the property: **"this wetland conservation property is a tribute to Steve. I will do whatever I can to protect it,"** she said.

A **high diversity of bird species has been recorded on the Steve Irwin Wildlife Reserve**, with a rich mix of woodland, rainforest, and riparian dependant species. To date, 154 native bird species have been recorded on the Reserve. Bird species found on the Reserve include:

- ***Syma torotoro (Yellow Billed Kingfisher)*** - restricted to northern Cape York
- ***Erythrotriorhis radiates (Red Goshawk)*** - listed as endangered
- ***Accipiter novaehollandiae (Grey Goshawk)*** - listed as rare
- ***Lophoictinia isura (Square tailed Kite)*** - relatively common for this species
- ***Ducula bicolor (Torres Strait Pigeon)*** - A migratory bird from Papua New Guinea, beginning to arrive on the Reserve in August for it's summer visit; seen in flocks of twenty or more along the Wenlock River
- ***Probiscer aterrimus (Palm Cockatoo)*** – listed as rare
- ***Climacteris picummus (Brown Tree Creeper)*** - common and widespread across much of the Reserve in rainforests and adjacent woodlands
- ***Trichoglossus haematodus (Rainbow Lorikeet)*** - most common and widespread bird on the Reserve
- ***Burninus grillarius (Bush Stone Curlew)*** – near threatened
- ***Ptiloris magnificus (Magnificent Riflebird)*** - limited to northern Cape York.
- ***Eurostopodus argus (Spotted Nightjar)*** - abundant in open mixed medium woodland, Nightjar Plains, also Lightning Plains
- ***Ninox connivens (Barking Owl)*** - recorded from the western end of the Wenlock River



The Steve Irwin Wildlife Reserve provides ideal habitat for Australia's largest Cockatoo, the rare Palm Cockatoo (Probiscer aterrimus), which only lays one egg.

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- ***Ephippiohynchus asiaticus (Jabiru)*** – near threatened
- ***Megapodius reinwardt (Orange footed Scrubfowl)*** - common in all rainforest communities with large active mounds present
- ***Manukodia keraudrenii (Trumpet Manucode)*** – limited to northern Cape York
- ***Grey Crowned Babbler*** – formerly a common species, now of concern

Please Note: Wildlife and Plants identified as “rare or threatened” are listed as such under Queensland’s Nature Conservation Act.

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